

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add a missing referenced application no. Claims 1, 12, 33, 36, 41, 48 and 52 have been amended. Claims 1-59 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 101 Rejection:

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-12, 14, 16-21, 23-27, 29-54 and 56-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims have been amended to clearly recite a practical application in the technological arts. For example, claim 12 has been amended to recite a computer program process using a definition for a computer-implemented source resource to discover a set of users based on a set of user accounts and associate each user account from the first set of user accounts with the corresponding user and with the computer-implemented source resource. The other independent method claims have been similarly amended. Since each independent method claim clearly recites a practical application in the technological arts, Applicants assert that the independent method claims each recite statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

In regard to independent system claims 21 and 27, these claims recite a system comprising a computer readable medium and a software program stored on thereon and executable by a computer processor to function as recited in each respective claim. Thus, these claims recite functional descriptive material stored on a computer readable medium and not a software program *per se*. According to M.P.E.P. § 2106.IV.B.1(a), as opposed to a software program *per se*, “a claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program is a computer element which defines structural and functional interrelationships between the computer program and the rest of the computer which permit the computer program’s functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory.”

(emphasis added). Therefore, claims 21 and 27 clearly recite statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 2, 3, 13, 15, 22, 28 and 55 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form. In light of the above remarks, Applicants assert that claims 2, 3, 13, 15, 22, 28 and 55 are allowable in their current form.

CONCLUSION

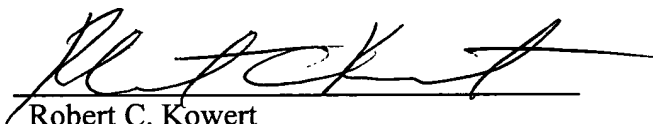
Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicants hereby petition for such extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-96801/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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